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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: UNRWA FINANCING

REF: STATE 62413, BIERUT 3441

1. TALKED WITH RIFAI THIS MORNING ABOUT ACTION REQUESTED REF
STATE TEL.

2. RE PARA 2 (B) HE IS PLEASED THAT WE WILL GIVE KEY SUPPORT TO
GOJ EFFORT TO POSTPONE CUTS. HE INDICATES THAT GOJ REPS CANNOT ASK
FOR DELAY TO PARTICULAR DATE (MAY 1) IN AD COM MEETING SINCE THAT
WILL MEAN JORDAN AGREES TO THE CUTS ON DELAYED BASIS, BUT ALL ARE
AWARE OF FACT THAT A DELAY OF THAT MAGNITUDE REQUIRED.

3. RE PARA 2 (A) RIFAI HAZY ON TACTICAL SITUATION. HIS REPS
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HAVE INSTRUCTIONS TO ASK FOR OR SEEK A DELAY AND HE PRESUMES

THEY WILL DO SO IN CONJUNCTION WITH OTHER HOSTS STATES WHO TRADITIONALLY MEET TOGETHER BEFORE AD COM SESSION. HE SUGGESTS WE TRY TO TOUCH BASE WITH GOJ REPS IN BEIRUT IF MORE DETAIL REQUIRED ON AS TO HOW AND WHEN POSTPONEMENT OF CUTS IN UNRWA SERVICES TO BE RAISED.

4. SEVERAL TIMES OVER THIS PAST WEEK, AMBASSADOR HAS RAISED WITH RIFAI POOR STATE OF GOJ REPRESENTATION AT AD COM MEETINGS. HE HAS SAID HE WOULD LOOK INTO IT AND SEE WHAT COULD BE DONE. WE DOUBT THAT THIS WILL RESULT IN MUCH CHANGE SINCE IT IS CLEAR THAT RIFAI CONSIDERS AD COM LOW LEVEL BODY WITH MERELY ADVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES AND LITTLE INFLUENCE. WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR REPORT FROM EMBASSY BEIRUT IN SOME DETAIL ON PERFORMANCE OF GOJ REPS THIS NEXT MEETING SO THAT WE CAN PIN POINT DIFFICULTIES AND GIVE HIM MORE PRECISE SENSE OF WHERE THEIR ACTIVITIES, LACK OF SAME, HURT GOJ AND US INTERESTS. PICKERING

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